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Improvements to the survey estimation method were introduced in November 1999 to ensure that job vacancy statistics (table 5) relate to all businesses operating at the time of the survey. Each quarter, adjustments to the estimates are made to account for the time lag between businesses commencing operation and their inclusion in the list of businesses eligible for selection in the survey. The adjustment is made for the private sector only.

Coincident with the dropping of the overtime component from the collection, a number of improvements to survey operations commenced during August 1999 and were completed in November 1999. These included:

- revised collection forms, with improved question design;
- improved collection procedures to ensure consistent and accurate reporting by businesses;
- review of business contacts to ensure that the most appropriate person reports job vacancies data; and
- intensive checking to ensure 'whole of business' vacancies are reported.

As a result of these changes, cross classified data items for States are no longer available. An analysis of subsequent reported data showed that these initiatives resulted in an increase in job vacancy estimates for the private sector. There was negligible impact on the public sector estimates from these initiatives.

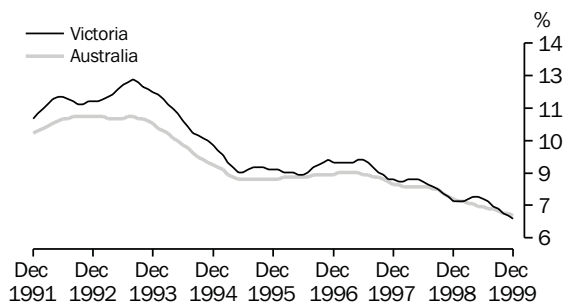
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n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
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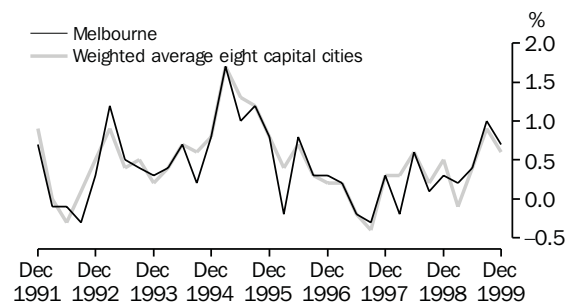
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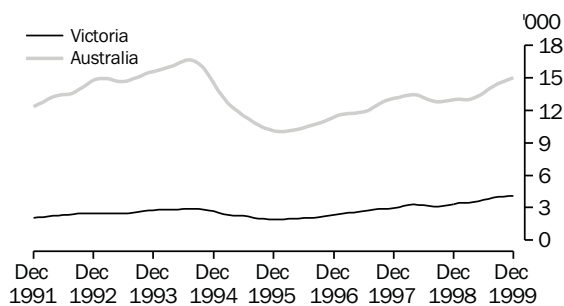
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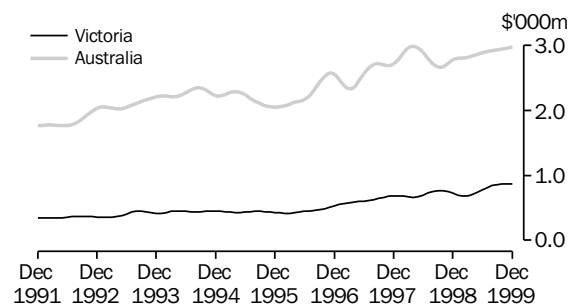
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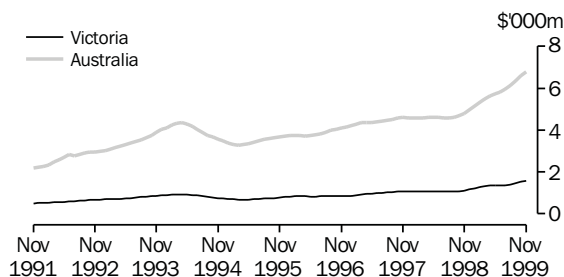
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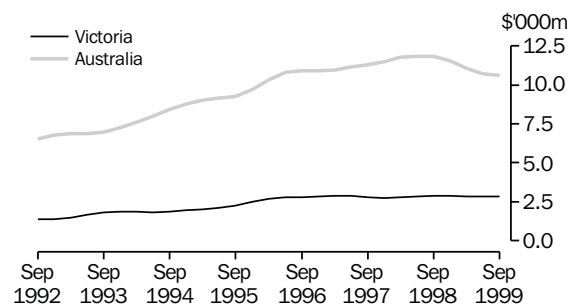
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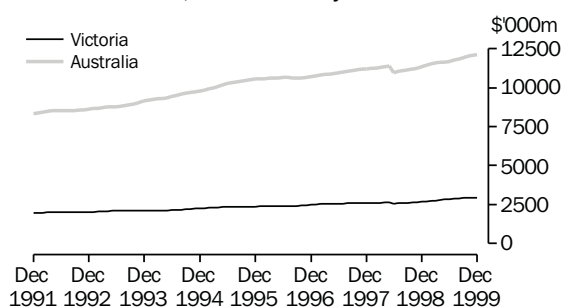
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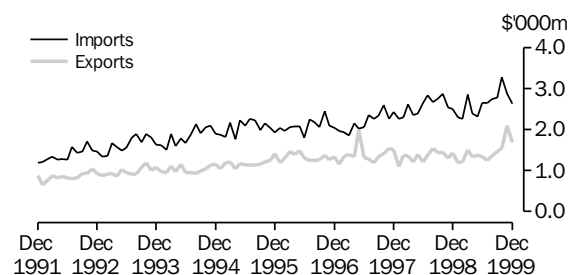
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-98	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	27.7	49.7	3 367.0
1998-99	2 330.1	2 382.1	4 712.2	26.2	57.2	—
1997						
June qtr	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	6.8	6.6	..
September qtr	2 281.9	2 336.0	4 617.8	6.1	12.6	..
December qtr	2 286.3	2 341.1	4 627.4	7.4	9.6	..
1998						
March qtr	2 295.3	2 348.9	4 644.3	7.4	16.9	..
June qtr	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	6.8	10.7	..
September qtr	2 308.2	2 360.8	4 669.0	6.4	14.1	..
December qtr	2 315.3	2 368.6	4 683.8	6.6	14.8	..
1999						
March qtr	2 324.6	2 376.8	4 701.4	6.9	17.6	..
June qtr	2 330.1	2 382.1	4 712.2	6.4	10.8	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997-98 p	60 143	32 423	25 955	11 916	13.00	7.01	5.61	2.58	4.86
1997									
June qtr	14 973	8 131	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	15 437	9 344	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	15 259	7 813	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997	60 610	32 760	25 456	12 463	13.16	7.11	5.53	2.71	4.82
1998									
March qtr	14 577	7 169	8 530	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 870	8 097	6 070	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 550	9 131	3 912	3 188	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 193	8 614	7 860	3 548	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1998 p	60 190	33 011	26 372	12 307	12.93	7.09	5.67	2.64	5.15
1999									
March qtr p	13 492	6 618	8 659	2 774	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 781	8 406	5 818	3 104	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

	Employed		Unemployed looking for work							
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part- time	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over	Unemploy- ment rate	Partici- pation rate
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES										
1998										
October	1 062.5	1 218.4	81.4	17.5	98.9	1 317.3	501.9	1 819.2	7.5	72.4
November	1 056.5	1 218.9	83.3	13.9	97.2	1 316.1	505.5	1 821.6	7.4	72.3
December	1 076.5	1 237.3	80.7	19.3	100.0	1 337.3	486.8	1 824.1	7.5	73.3
1999										
January	1 061.1	1 219.8	89.0	17.0	106.0	1 325.9	500.4	1 826.2	8.0	72.6
February	1 085.5	1 231.2	94.5	16.2	110.7	1 341.9	486.5	1 828.4	8.2	73.4
March	1 083.1	1 238.3	81.9	17.1	99.0	1 337.4	493.2	1 830.5	7.4	73.1
April	1 065.9	1 229.7	91.6	19.7	111.3	1 341.0	491.9	1 832.9	8.3	73.2
May	1 065.2	1 220.4	88.8	21.9	110.7	1 331.1	504.2	1 835.3	8.3	72.5
June	1 072.6	1 248.4	87.4	11.5	98.8	1 347.2	490.4	1 837.7	7.3	73.3
July	1 082.6	1 243.2	80.7	14.8	95.5	1 338.7	501.3	1 840.0	7.1	72.8
August	1 072.4	1 225.7	80.3	18.1	98.4	1 324.2	518.2	1 842.3	7.4	71.9
September	1 079.6	1 243.7	82.8	17.7	100.5	1 344.2	500.5	1 844.7	7.5	72.9
October	1 077.2	1 242.2	71.5	15.9	87.4	1 329.6	518.0	1 847.6	6.6	72.0
November	1 068.9	1 228.3	74.6	14.4	89.0	1 317.4	533.2	1 850.5	6.8	71.2
December	1 097.1	1 262.9	74.8	20.1	95.0	1 357.9	495.6	1 853.5	7.0	73.3
FEMALES										
1998										
October	530.6	942.7	47.3	27.1	74.4	1 017.2	883.4	1 900.6	7.3	55.2
November	520.1	941.0	49.8	27.2	77.0	1 017.9	885.0	1 902.9	7.6	53.5
December	543.7	954.0	48.4	27.0	75.4	1 029.4	875.9	1 905.3	7.3	54.0
1999										
January	533.9	915.4	52.2	24.0	76.2	991.6	915.7	1 907.2	7.7	52.0
February	531.6	929.5	54.6	32.1	86.7	1 016.2	893.0	1 909.2	8.5	53.2
March	525.8	936.6	48.1	32.2	80.3	1 016.9	894.3	1 911.2	7.9	53.2
April	520.0	936.8	45.6	28.2	73.8	1 010.6	902.9	1 913.5	7.3	52.8
May	520.3	940.0	43.5	28.0	71.5	1 011.5	904.4	1 915.9	7.1	52.8
June	523.6	951.8	44.5	25.1	69.6	1 021.4	896.8	1 918.2	6.8	53.2
July	542.5	963.3	38.6	35.3	73.9	1 037.2	883.4	1 920.6	7.1	54.0
August	527.8	953.3	38.4	29.0	67.4	1 020.6	902.3	1 922.9	6.6	53.1
September	539.5	981.9	45.5	33.9	79.3	1 061.2	864.1	1 925.3	7.5	55.1
October	536.0	975.8	42.3	25.8	68.1	1 043.9	884.1	1 928.0	6.5	54.1
November	533.8	975.3	38.5	27.7	66.3	1 041.6	889.1	1 930.7	6.4	54.0
December	568.0	997.4	43.5	26.8	70.4	1 067.8	865.6	1 933.4	6.6	55.2
PERSONS										
1998										
October	1 593.0	2 161.1	128.7	44.6	173.3	2 334.5	1 385.3	3 719.7	7.4	62.8
November	1 576.6	2 159.8	133.1	41.1	174.2	2 334.1	1 390.5	3 724.5	7.5	62.7
December	1 620.2	2 191.3	129.2	46.3	175.4	2 366.7	1 362.6	3 729.4	7.4	63.5
1999										
January	1 595.0	2 135.2	141.2	41.0	182.2	2 317.4	1 416.1	3 733.5	7.9	62.1
February	1 617.1	2 160.8	149.1	48.3	197.4	2 358.1	1 379.5	3 737.6	8.4	63.1
March	1 609.0	2 175.0	130.0	49.3	179.3	2 354.3	1 387.5	3 741.8	7.6	62.9
April	1 585.9	2 166.6	137.3	47.8	185.1	2 351.6	1 394.8	3 746.5	7.9	62.8
May	1 582.8	2 160.3	132.3	49.9	182.2	2 342.6	1 408.6	3 751.2	7.8	62.4
June	1 596.2	2 200.2	131.9	36.6	168.4	2 368.6	1 387.3	3 755.9	7.1	63.1
July	1 625.1	2 206.5	119.4	50.1	169.4	2 375.9	1 384.6	3 760.6	7.1	63.2
August	1 600.2	2 179.0	118.7	47.1	165.8	2 344.8	1 420.5	3 765.3	7.1	62.3
September	1 619.1	2 225.5	128.3	51.6	179.9	2 405.4	1 364.5	3 770.0	7.5	63.8
October	1 613.2	2 218.0	113.7	41.8	155.5	2 373.5	1 402.1	3 775.6	6.6	62.9
November	1 602.7	2 203.7	113.2	42.1	155.3	2 359.0	1 422.2	3 781.2	6.6	62.4
December	1 665.1	2 260.3	118.3	47.0	165.3	2 425.7	1 361.2	3 786.8	6.8	64.1

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

	Aug 1998	Nov 1998	Feb 1999	May 1999	Aug 1999	Nov 1999
<i>Industry division</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	52.0	51.8	57.9	58.6	56.3	56.1
Mining	*2.2	5.3	*3.8	*3.1	*2.9	*3.6
Manufacturing	247.1	244.3	259.0	241.9	236.6	244.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.8	12.0	13.4	14.4	13.9	10.6
Construction	127.2	132.1	125.7	130.1	133.8	137.0
Wholesale trade	99.2	85.8	86.5	81.6	88.6	90.4
Retail trade	152.4	165.1	170.1	166.0	161.7	163.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	41.2	39.9	42.4	41.7	40.0	41.2
Transport and storage	72.6	75.6	78.5	72.0	75.5	70.8
Communication services	25.1	26.4	28.5	27.8	27.9	29.6
Finance and insurance	43.9	50.4	45.4	43.4	36.8	38.9
Property and business services	149.7	148.4	138.3	154.3	162.2	148.7
Government administration and defence	35.9	31.4	28.6	28.8	27.7	35.2
Education	41.4	38.4	40.4	45.4	46.4	50.2
Health and community services	38.4	45.0	46.6	42.3	39.5	36.4
Cultural and recreational services	25.6	26.5	25.1	27.3	32.3	30.4
Personal and other services	39.3	40.3	41.2	41.5	43.4	40.8
Total	1 206.8	1 218.9	1 231.2	1 220.4	1 225.7	1 228.3
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	26.5	25.3	28.8	26.8	26.4	29.1
Mining	*0.8	*0.2	*0.0	*0.3	*0.6	*0.8
Manufacturing	95.3	91.4	98.3	98.1	94.5	98.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	*3.7	*2.5	*2.7	*3.9	*3.0	*2.4
Construction	17.6	18.2	16.5	17.2	17.3	18.5
Wholesale trade	46.7	40.6	40.2	42.8	46.1	50.0
Retail trade	156.5	161.5	167.6	168.5	174.9	172.2
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.2	49.9	43.8	44.6	47.0	48.9
Transport and storage	16.3	19.7	22.1	22.2	20.8	22.7
Communication services	13.9	13.2	10.9	14.0	14.1	17.3
Finance and insurance	54.9	51.2	45.1	37.3	39.7	45.7
Property and business services	108.4	112.1	108.0	108.9	123.6	114.5
Government administration and defence	40.2	40.5	38.2	38.7	38.6	40.7
Education	94.8	93.3	84.0	101.1	105.1	97.1
Health and community services	158.0	155.4	155.4	144.3	137.6	149.6
Cultural and recreational services	28.4	28.2	26.2	32.6	26.2	26.4
Personal and other services	42.8	37.8	41.5	38.7	37.6	40.4
Total	954.2	941.0	929.5	940.0	953.3	975.3
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	78.5	77.1	86.6	85.3	82.7	85.2
Mining	*3.1	5.6	*3.8	*3.4	*3.5	*4.4
Manufacturing	342.4	335.8	357.4	340.0	331.2	343.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	17.6	14.5	16.2	18.3	16.9	13.0
Construction	144.8	150.3	142.2	147.3	151.1	155.6
Wholesale trade	145.9	126.4	126.7	124.4	134.7	140.4
Retail trade	308.9	326.6	337.6	334.5	336.7	336.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	90.4	89.8	86.3	86.3	87.1	90.0
Transport and storage	88.9	95.3	100.6	94.2	96.4	93.5
Communication services	39.0	39.6	39.4	41.9	42.0	46.9
Finance and insurance	98.7	101.6	90.5	80.7	76.5	84.7
Property and business services	258.1	260.5	246.3	263.3	285.8	263.2
Government administration and defence	76.1	72.0	66.8	67.5	66.3	75.8
Education	136.2	131.7	124.4	146.5	151.5	147.3
Health and community services	196.4	200.4	202.0	186.6	177.1	186.0
Cultural and recreational services	54.0	54.6	51.4	60.0	58.5	56.8
Personal and other services	82.1	78.0	82.8	80.2	80.9	81.2
Total	2 161.1	2 159.8	2 160.8	2 160.3	2 179.0	2 203.7

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons r '000	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate r %
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private r	
		'000	'000	'000	'000	
1998						
August	22.3	n.a.	n.a.	1.9	20.4	1.01
November	34.4	n.a.	n.a.	1.9	32.5	1.58
1999						
February	15.6	n.a.	n.a.	*2.4	13.3	0.73
May	22.1	n.a.	n.a.	2.5	19.6	1.05
August	29.3	n.a.	n.a.	3.0	26.4	1.39
November	31.0	n.a.	n.a.	3.8	27.1	1.49

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly); Unpublished data, Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved		Working days lost				
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1998									
August	14	15	12.3	12.5	0.3	2.9	2.0	6.7	11.9
September	19	22	14.0	16.0	12.4	5.3	2.3	1.8	21.8
October	11	12	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.0	—	1.4	3.8
November	15	16	12.7	12.8	3.9	0.3	10.0	3.3	17.4
December	19	21	3.1	4.6	2.8	1.4	—	1.3	5.5
1999									
January	5	8	1.3	1.7	2.6	0.5	—	1.2	4.3
February	17	20	2.5	3.7	1.4	1.5	—	1.7	4.7
March	29	32	3.6	4.2	7.3	1.0	—	1.3	9.6
April	15	21	13.9	14.8	7.1	13.0	—	1.8	21.9
May	23	25	3.6	3.9	7.5	0.1	0.1	1.2	8.8
June	23	25	10.9	11.3	13.1	1.2	0.1	1.2	15.6
July	r 16	r 23	10.3	11.0	r 11.5	6.6	1.1	0.5	19.6
August	26	31	75.5	76.1	42.7	8.3	10.6	6.1	67.6
September	13	14	14.0	14.2	19.2	4.6	0.0	0.2	24.0
October	19	21	8.2	8.4	1.5	5.0	0.7	0.6	7.8

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
Month	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1998									
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90
November	781.80	842.10	716.80	657.40	673.30	473.90	736.30	780.30	602.40
1999									
February	769.20	823.70	710.90	658.10	673.20	474.40	729.00	769.20	600.30
May	783.00	835.00	717.60	666.20	679.80	486.50	740.60	778.60	608.00
August	772.30	821.00	705.70	685.20	700.80	488.40	740.80	777.60	601.60

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Melbourne										
Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
1996-97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3
1997-98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3
1998-99	125.1	108.1	86.7	115.1	120.8	166.9	161.1	129.6	120.9	121.8
1998										
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3
December qtr	124.3	108.2	86.6	115.3	120.6	166.0	165.3	129.0	120.8	121.9
1999										
March qtr	125.8	107.5	87.3	114.7	119.9	167.6	155.7	131.0	121.0	121.8
June qtr	126.7	107.8	87.5	115.1	121.6	169.1	156.6	129.8	121.5	122.3
September qtr	127.8	107.5	88.8	114.3	125.9	169.4	157.0	130.7	122.7	123.4
December qtr	128.6	107.1	90.4	114.4	125.2	173.7	157.0	131.0	123.5	124.1

Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1998-1999			1999-2000			Weighted average of six state capital cities—Dec qtr 1999
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.3	117.1	118.0	117.4	119.2	120.5	121.5
Other than house building							
Structural timber	110.1	115.6	116.2	112.0	113.1	117.6	128.8
Clay bricks	113.1	117.9	119.6	119.3	119.3	119.3	122.1
Ready mix concrete	111.5	111.4	112.9	113.2	111.6	111.3	104.2
Precast concrete products	110.3	115.7	123.9	122.7	126.6	127.5	125.9
Steel decking and cladding	109.2	109.4	108.0	107.2	107.8	108.5	113.6
Structural steel	104.2	104.9	104.9	105.0	101.2	102.0	112.2
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	100.7	100.8	99.5	98.5	93.7	92.6	103.4
Aluminium windows	100.6	100.0	100.4	101.6	102.0	103.6	112.6
Fabricated steel products	116.7	120.0	124.7	125.1	125.1	125.5	117.4
Builders' hardware	116.5	119.6	122.7	124.4	125.0	125.7	129.0
Sand and aggregate	115.9	116.3	120.5	121.3	121.3	120.2	122.0
Carpet	101.6	102.6	100.1	98.8	99.4	99.3	101.8
Paint and other coatings	145.8	144.7	153.8	156.6	158.0	163.0	148.2
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	111.5	113.0	111.2	111.8	112.9	117.6	132.9
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	110.0	111.0	112.3	112.5	112.0	112.3	114.4
All electrical materials	112.0	109.8	112.4	114.8	115.8	116.6	121.2
All mechanical services	115.0	114.9	118.2	119.2	119.6	120.1	118.8
All plumbing materials	120.1	122.8	122.8	122.5	125.7	126.1	130.1
All groups	110.9	111.4	113.2	113.7	113.4	113.8	115.4

Base of each index: year 1989-90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
<i>Period</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1996-97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 397.2
1997-98	1 798.0	767.2	3 285.6	6 385.7	1 567.7
1998-99	1 754.3	714.4	3 079.6	6 699.4	1 572.8
1998					
September	141.8	168.9	216.3	623.5	135.4
October	160.6	72.9	284.6	583.5	131.1
November	159.9	21.3	291.4	595.9	129.7
December	161.0	10.1	252.3	606.8	143.3
1999					
January	155.6	5.9	256.9	554.6	102.8
February	161.4	6.0	296.0	538.1	111.0
March	146.1	15.0	314.3	574.6	132.9
April	128.3	24.5	263.9	510.4	126.6
May	134.3	43.8	262.6	466.2	135.2
June	126.2	78.5	230.4	524.4	133.1
July	124.9	90.6	246.1	554.1	127.0
August	117.4	182.8	238.9	535.4	123.0
September	112.3	142.5	282.6	625.0	126.3
October r	127.7	50.4	329.1	605.3	116.2
November r	132.4	20.7	344.2	639.7	117.3
December	131.6	9.0	320.8	626.2	131.3

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

	<i>Meat (carcass weight)</i>				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
<i>Period</i>	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1996-97	373 819	14 293	55 545	111 403	99 226
1997-98	389 087	15 578	63 470	119 972	112 504
1998-99	398 675	14 225	61 647	128 379	114 581
1998					
September	31 706	3 311	4 397	11 989	9 923
October	36 345	1 447	5 939	11 401	9 713
November	36 593	479	5 951	11 795	9 268
December	36 318	251	5 173	10 452	9 751
1999					
January	35 430	149	5 200	10 571	7 449
February	38 184	153	5 815	10 339	8 035
March	33 412	332	6 217	11 110	9 635
April	30 360	497	5 104	9 786	9 527
May	30 429	878	5 121	9 085	10 164
June	28 023	1 520	4 615	10 337	9 824
July	28 011	1 729	4 976	11 002	9 358
August	26 379	3 563	4 894	10 232	9 197
September	25 749	2 797	5 943	12 233	9 442
October r	29 859	1 014	7 278	11 770	8 698
November r	31 520	426	7 038	12 338	8 796
December	30 675	209	6 567	11 990	9 407

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

New dwelling units(a)											
Period	Private sector		Public sector		Total(c)		Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)		Total all building
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m			Private sector	Total	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1996-97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2
1997-98	26 490	3 026.5	723	56.0	27 213	3 082.6	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8
1998-99 r	28 616	3 550.4	661	49.6	29 277	3 600.0	1 555	800.3	1 918.6	2 642.3	7 042.6
1998											
September	2 335	282.5	33	2.3	2 368	284.9	77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.7
October	2 287	300.5	74	5.0	2 361	305.5	51	69.6	216.5	457.2	832.4
November	2 282	287.0	57	3.7	2 339	290.7	351	76.2	179.5	236.0	602.9
December	2 524	302.7	54	5.7	2 578	308.4	145	60.5	107.1	133.7	502.6
1999											
January	1 708	210.4	125	8.8	1 833	219.1	22	41.6	87.9	153.8	414.5
February	2 785	353.4	51	3.1	2 826	356.5	229	73.7	109.3	206.7	636.9
March	2 554	326.1	37	4.0	2 591	330.1	103	75.3	159.7	226.8	632.3
April	2 447	281.9	52	3.4	2 499	285.3	160	72.3	126.8	157.4	515.0
May	2 642	337.1	37	2.4	2 679	339.5	48	63.0	174.4	202.0	604.5
June	r 2 450	r 320.9	45	4.0	2 495	r 324.9	43	69.2	108.4	125.1	519.2
July	r 2 746	r 352.9	88	6.3	r 2 834	r 358.2	194	92.2	183.6	208.6	r 659.1
August	3 768	494.0	39	4.3	3 807	498.3	78	86.1	159.2	226.2	810.7
September	3 038	405.7	72	5.9	3 110	411.6	33	76.9	198.4	214.0	702.5
October	2 685	357.5	93	8.0	2 778	365.5	86	82.8	154.4	197.9	646.2
November	3 105	403.5	59	4.6	3 164	408.1	96	77.2	154.2	181.1	666.3
December	2 930	408.9	62	6.0	2 992	414.9	95	69.8	146.7	209.3	694.0
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1996-97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2
1997-98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8
1998-99 r	37 194	4 482.6	894	67.2	38 088	4 549.9	1 616	951.2	2 262.5	3 125.7	8 626.8
1998											
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2	85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0
October	2 921	368.0	103	7.2	3 024	375.3	55	85.0	242.2	491.2	951.4
November	2 991	362.4	91	6.5	3 082	368.9	357	90.5	204.2	267.9	727.2
December	3 081	361.1	61	6.3	3 142	367.4	159	70.2	136.2	177.4	614.9
1999											
January	2 297	274.0	155	10.9	2 452	284.9	23	52.4	111.6	184.6	521.8
February	3 469	431.8	83	5.5	3 552	437.4	232	86.9	129.8	255.7	780.0
March	3 467	425.2	61	5.5	3 528	430.7	109	90.5	188.4	275.0	796.3
April	3 196	365.7	57	3.8	3 253	369.5	163	85.7	146.3	183.9	639.0
May	3 516	436.2	42	3.1	3 558	439.3	52	74.4	202.3	241.6	755.4
June	3 214	408.5	51	4.6	3 265	413.2	47	83.4	156.3	183.2	679.8
July	3 565	444.8	134	9.2	3 699	454.0	194	105.2	211.9	248.2	807.4
August	4 619	587.3	66	6.5	4 685	593.8	85	101.9	204.5	282.8	978.5
September	3 964	513.6	105	8.7	4 069	522.1	36	95.7	217.2	240.6	858.5
October	3 653	473.3	98	8.4	3 751	r 481.8	88	97.7	182.0	236.8	816.2
November	4 048	515.0	68	5.4	4 116	520.5	r 107	91.4	184.8	222.3	834.2
December	3 854	519.9	64	6.3	3 918	526.3	101	85.5	184.7	261.9	873.7

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1996-97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997-98	27 937	26 004	12 368	22 425	7 412	7 598	5 148	6 542
1998-99 r	29 227	29 165	14 455	26 926	8 861	8 307	6 198	7 029
1998								
June qtr	7 807	7 165	12 368	6 239	1 747	1 894	5 148	1 561
September qtr	7 526	7 362	12 740	6 951	1 706	2 000	5 404	1 700
December qtr	6 873	7 399	13 127	6 995	2 375	1 682	5 175	1 906
1999								
March qtr	7 071	6 494	13 846	5 699	2 461	2 159	5 752	1 559
June qtr r	7 757	7 910	14 455	7 281	2 319	2 466	6 198	1 864
September qtr	9 280	8 162	15 739	6 878	3 173	3 104	7 685	1 611

(a) Under construction at the end of the period.

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly); *Building Approvals, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	Total
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
1996-97	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
1997-98	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4
1998-99 r	4 496.3	987.2	444.1	263.6	428.1	485.0	239.9	1 186.0	8 530.2
1998									
June qtr	1 083.5	251.9	259.4	45.0	119.2	79.4	67.7	225.2	2 131.3
September qtr	1 126.0	221.9	111.3	54.9	102.5	132.6	26.7	225.3	2 001.2
December qtr	1 066.4	291.0	137.8	79.9	136.2	175.6	95.1	429.7	2 411.7
1999									
March qtr	1 046.8	223.8	75.3	64.4	98.3	98.2	41.1	190.0	1 837.9
June qtr r	1 257.1	250.4	119.8	64.3	91.1	78.7	76.9	341.1	2 279.4
September qtr	1 505.5	303.6	105.5	69.4	76.4	86.0	71.7	226.7	2 444.7
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1996-97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
1997-98	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6
1998-99 r	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8
1998									
June qtr	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6
September qtr	2 426.8	412.1	461.0	124.2	237.1	420.3	210.4	1 464.6	5 756.6
December qtr	2 430.6	450.5	427.2	134.7	253.1	489.2	257.4	1 566.8	6 009.6
1999									
March qtr	2 644.3	471.4	402.8	138.2	203.8	522.4	243.7	1 461.3	6 087.9
June qtr r	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8
September qtr	3 212.6	536.9	429.4	120.8	122.7	527.9	241.3	1 490.3	6 681.9
COMPLETED									
1996-97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
1997-98	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4
1998-99 r	4 068.1	992.4	487.3	294.3	524.9	328.5	305.1	1 110.3	8 110.9
1998									
June qtr	870.5	216.7	67.4	67.2	91.8	67.6	32.4	198.6	1 612.1
September qtr	997.9	236.8	88.8	77.0	108.3	33.2	103.7	247.0	1 892.7
December qtr	1 080.2	259.6	179.9	70.0	139.6	107.3	51.6	340.7	2 229.1
1999									
March qtr	855.2	215.9	100.6	64.1	155.6	69.2	56.6	312.4	r 1 829.5
June qtr r	1 134.9	280.2	118.0	83.1	121.3	118.8	93.2	210.2	2 159.7
September qtr	1 057.9	229.3	114.3	73.3	146.7	49.6	76.7	373.1	2 120.9

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1997-98	833	3 401	6 809	11 044	2 858	8 185
1998-99	1 234	2 951	7 166	11 351	r 3 210	r 8 141
1998						
June qtr	212	964	1 822	2 998	765	2 233
September qtr	318	715	1 843	2 876	861	2 015
December qtr	288	780	1 900	2 968	819	2 149
1999						
March qtr	321	652	1 665	2 639	862	1 776
June qtr	306	803	1 758	r 2 868	r 668	r 2 200
September qtr	205	867	1 677	2 749	773	1 976
EXPECTED						
1998-99	1 340	3 362	7 060	11 761	3 460	8 301
1999-2000	631	3 008	4 587	8 227	1 754	6 473

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities							Type of lender		
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998										
September	113.1	461.6	185.7	78.8	714.5	1 553.6	1 488.9	3 042.5	2 438.7	603.8
October	85.2	461.3	181.2	91.0	441.0	1 259.8	2 389.8	3 649.6	2 889.9	759.7
November	184.9	456.8	182.7	148.7	1 031.2	2 004.4	1 394.7	3 399.1	2 857.4	541.7
December	68.8	477.2	208.3	269.3	956.5	1 980.1	2 742.8	4 722.9	3 681.9	1 041.1
1999										
January	38.8	358.9	138.8	51.2	461.8	1 049.5	1 220.7	2 270.3	2 102.2	168.0
February	90.4	384.5	176.4	74.5	852.9	1 578.6	2 593.6	4 172.2	3 081.1	1 091.2
March	110.5	477.6	190.6	329.7	1 220.7	2 329.2	2 467.0	4 796.2	3 984.1	812.2
April	82.5	469.2	170.8	79.0	501.9	1 303.4	1 361.5	2 664.9	2 104.1	560.8
May	183.6	508.8	157.4	39.4	771.1	1 660.2	1 569.8	3 230.1	2 837.0	393.1
June	171.3	623.3	211.8	88.4	2 189.9	3 284.7	1 748.3	5 033.0	4 695.6	337.4
July	137.8	521.0	159.0	14.9	684.6	1 517.2	1 977.9	3 495.1	3 074.9	420.2
August	234.0	555.5	169.2	25.2	755.8	1 739.7	1 214.0	2 953.7	2 759.9	193.8
September	147.8	546.9	205.8	33.8	719.7	1 654.1	1 372.4	3 026.5	2 632.9	393.6
October	266.0	610.1	195.8	25.0	1 128.8	2 225.7	1 544.8	3 770.5	3 329.0	441.5
November	235.6	635.0	214.3	65.0	503.7	1 653.6	1 288.6	2 942.2	2 574.5	367.8

Source: ABS Time Series Service (PC Ausstats).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998						
September	9 637	1 041	9 456	1 018	9 596	1 052
October	9 649	1 060	9 487	1 061	9 573	1 071
November	9 513	1 109	9 838	1 118	9 680	1 108
December	9 860	1 160	9 810	1 163	9 924	1 161
1999						
January	8 095	983	10 269	1 236	10 238	1 220
February	9 727	1 154	10 023	1 220	10 516	1 274
March	12 455	1 520	11 394	1 362	10 693	1 313
April	11 014	1 348	10 942	1 374	10 743	1 334
May	10 896	1 389	10 752	1 344	r 10 692	r 1 341
June	11 305	1 445	10 420	1 346	r 10 638	r 1 347
July	10 518	1 334	10 355	1 323	r 10 677	r 1 368
August	10 855	1 397	10 668	1 370	r 10 855	r 1 406
September	11 377	1 475	11 069	1 408	r 11 146	r 1 461
October	11 386	1 534	11 740	1 600	r 11 481	r 1 520
November	12 343	1 654	12 238	1 643	11 808	1 579

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998								
October	1 152.0	251.6	176.7	330.0	149.1	297.2	337.0	2 693.7
November	1 110.4	284.8	192.7	314.8	158.0	305.5	332.7	2 698.8
December	1 298.4	498.8	286.1	421.4	232.0	402.0	379.2	3 517.9
1999								
January	1 160.7	224.5	171.0	320.9	148.9	260.0	349.2	2 635.3
February	1 058.0	185.9	151.8	291.5	130.9	256.8	333.4	2 408.2
March	1 166.9	233.5	194.9	308.0	145.3	313.4	372.3	2 734.2
April	1 121.6	236.6	205.5	311.4	139.3	296.2	386.6	2 697.2
May	1 130.3	253.5	207.1	324.0	138.5	288.0	387.9	2 729.2
June	1 089.6	220.4	208.8	319.1	142.0	299.6	382.0	2 661.4
July	1 170.3	263.2	209.4	320.8	135.3	318.3	427.2	2 844.6
August	1 138.2	221.3	200.9	321.3	138.3	310.9	411.6	2 742.6
September	1 146.6	248.5	213.6	330.6	148.6	320.2	427.6	2 835.6
October r	1 200.5	259.3	224.0	359.8	147.8	319.9	436.7	2 948.1
November	1 190.1	304.1	232.1	372.7	157.7	334.1	429.8	3 020.6
December	1 429.8	528.1	325.7	477.2	235.8	436.5	511.1	3 944.2

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

Section	1998-99		six months ending December 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 313	3 931	700	2 100
1 Beverages and tobacco	134	166	72	94
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	585	1 405	287	671
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	1 150	798	742	614
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	108	108	44	52
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	3 247	977	1 626	528
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 470	r 2 422	2 370	1 305
7 Machinery and transport equipment	13 489	2 907	7 515	2 223
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 343	1 042	3 026	607
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.	1 175	2 749	593	1 210
Total	31 014	16 504	16 974	9 403

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttraccs Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1997-98		1998-99		six months ending December 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	243	91	239	102	121	58
Brazil	134	76	118	48	51	20
Canada	390	122	392	125	229	68
China	2 154	624	2 537	669	1 537	457
Fiji	133	245	180	242	107	157
Finland	193	12	188	9	98	6
France	631	168	619	131	317	74
Germany	2 116	268	2 341	407	1 226	187
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	338	1 073	431	900	203	417
India	256	188	261	192	145	95
Indonesia	637	325	1 078	226	475	138
Italy	963	396	1 038	288	509	153
Japan	3 847	1 686	r 4 133	1 676	2 204	910
Korea, Republic of	882	1 039	847	862	442	560
Malaysia	668	517	873	431	548	255
Mexico	80	77	103	90	59	33
Netherlands	254	81	292	109	152	50
New Zealand	1 311	1 552	1 333	1 654	775	1 449
Pakistan	97	87	87	44	47	34
Papua New Guinea	163	235	64	188	22	78
Philippines	135	388	157	387	79	194
Saudi Arabia	107	268	107	511	79	302
Singapore	492	989	510	1 081	298	687
South Africa	147	272	125	217	87	118
Sweden	585	41	598	25	322	16
Switzerland	277	24	335	34	165	18
Taiwan	852	657	905	920	468	353
Thailand	400	341	523	343	328	219
United Kingdom	1 694	453	1 839	1 169	931	466
United States of America	7 027	1 603	6 891	1 469	3 888	864
Other and unknown	1 645	2 033	r 1 870	1 955	920	760
Total	28 851	15 931	31 014	16 504	16 974	9 403

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports) r	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997-98	28 851	15 931	-12 920	90 684	87 768	-2 916
1998-99	31 014	16 504	-14 510	r 97 611	85 997	-11 614
1998						
October	2 871	1 446	-1 425	9 002	7 815	-1 187
November	2 552	1 309	-1 243	8 535	7 291	-1 244
December	2 505	1 431	-1 074	7 820	7 891	71
1999						
January	2 300	1 199	-1 101	7 231	6 300	-931
February	2 274	1 219	-1 055	7 112	6 243	-869
March	2 855	1 505	-1 350	8 699	7 330	-1 369
April	2 393	1 342	-1 051	7 731	6 433	-1 298
May	2 331	1 382	-949	7 746	6 971	-775
June	2 652	1 333	-1 319	8 142	6 895	-1 247
July	2 663	1 256	-1 407	r 8 182	7 159	-1 023
August	r 2 748	1 356	-1 392	r 8 873	7 348	-1 525
September	2 777	r 1 460	-1 317	8 968	7 393	1 575
October	3 283	r 1 537	-3 283	r 10 213	7 984	7 984
November	2 870	r 2 100	-2 870	r 9 669	8 480	8 480
December	2 634	1 693	-941	8 900	8 392	-508

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966
December	682	29 717	81 976	1 602.6	58.7	20 813	182 207
1999							
March	686	30 160	83 420	1 680.8	62.0	21 129	195 573
June	698	30 766	85 247	1 545.6	55.4	21 725	170 130
September	698	30 934	85 483	1 589.5	56.0	21 780	184 105

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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